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Davao, P.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, today I was drafted. The Sergeant Major, a Technical Sergeant, is leaving for home tomorrow on points, and he called me and asked me if I wanted his job as Battalion Sgt. Major, a clerk's job, and a darn good one. I said no. Well, I was told I didn't have any choice in the matter, and went to work at Battalion. I didn't want to take it because I can't get a promotion now because they are frozen in the Division. But I got it, and will have to do my best. They wouldn't give it to me when I could have gotten a promotion. That is what burns me up.

I finished my story today, and it sure was a job typing the 20 single spaced pages. I went to the show tonight. I saw "Salome Where She Danced",but had seen it before, and "Crime Doctor's Courage". Warner Baxter played in that.

It is hot as the devil today, andrained just before supper. We are having ice cold drinks twice a day now. Our mess sergeant is on the ball, while the other companies don't have them.

We didn't get any mail today, but will continue to get mail until we get on the ship. An order just came down transferring all of the men in the Regiment under 60points to other outfits. Tomorrow we get some new men from other outfits that have over 60 points. I sure am proud of my 85 points, and would not trade a point for anything.

Lottie, as soon as you get this letter send $2.50 to O.C. McDavid, Box 71, Columbus, Miss., and ask him for that 31st Division picture album. Do it right away. It is supposed to be a nice thing, with 100 pictures taken over here.

Today is the 16th, and it shouldn't be long before our boats come in and we start loading. I believe we will leave here and meet the Divisional convoy at Bugo, and start for the States about the first of November,,if not a few days earlier. When I got here 5 days ago the harbor was full of ships, 15 of the. Then the 24th Division left, and now the harbor is empty. I want to see it full again. Right?

Believe it or not, I got a October 1st Time magazine today,and read a great part ofit this afternoon. I got so mad this afternoon when I was typing that 20 pages of my story. I made 4 copies and when I finished the last page I noticed I had put one sheet of carbon in backwards, and had to type itall over. Don't that make you mad? It's ten thirty five PM now,so guess I hadto get to bed. I have to go to work at 7 AM in the morning. I will probably be through with my work about noon, and off in the afternoon. I am going toDavao tomorrow night to see what it is all about. Be good and write soon.

Love, Harold